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Application Number	09/463,494
Filing Date	July 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Manfred T. REETZ et al
Art Unit	1652
Examiner Name	C. Patterson
Attorney Docket Number	100716-18/Studien 268-KGB

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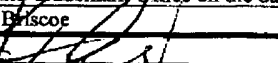
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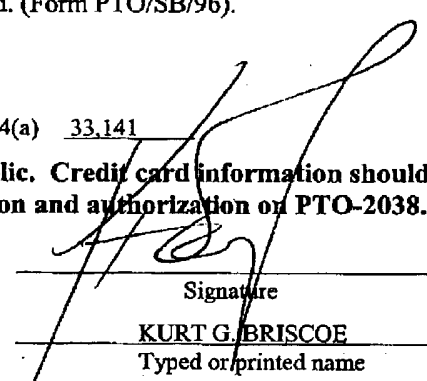
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this Petition for Extension of Time is being transmitted via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the 8th day of March 2004.		
In re Application of Manfred T. REETZ et al		Filed July 25, 2000
Application Number 09/463,494		For Method For Producing And Identifying New Hydrolases Having Improved Properties
Art Unit 1652		Examiner C. Patterson
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):		
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<u>March 8, 2004</u> Date		Signature  KURT G. BRISCOE Typed or printed name
<u>(212) 808-0700</u> Telephone Number		
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